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Patrick Murphy

Andrews Welcomes New Campus Chaplain

Each school year brings new faces to the campus of Andrews University. Along with new freshmen and transfer students, this year Andrews is happy to welcome a new chaplain, Patrick Murphy.

However, to say Murphy is new to the Andrews campus is not exactly accurate. Having received both his undergraduate degree and master of divinity from Andrews, Murphy has merely come back home.

Murphy graduated from Andrews with a degree in religion in 1997 before returning to his native Battle Creek to serve as a youth pastor at the Battle Creek Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church. A few years later, he married his wife, Heidi, a graphic designer, and made a return to Andrews to study in the Seminary. Before coming back to Andrews as the new chaplain this year, Murphy pastored and lived with his wife in Michigan's Upper Peninsula since 2002.

In his role as chaplain, Murphy will focus on outreach, which includes ministries such as AU-Outreach, the

Easter Passion Play, Impressions drama ministry, student missions, as well as weekly chapels.

Murphy is looking forward to the "opportunity to lock arms and be shoulder to shoulder with the movers and shakers of the church—the youth."

With a tangible passion for God and his ministry, it is Murphy's goal that upon graduation, students will leave "on fire for God, and that within their profession, no matter what that is, they will draw others to Christ."

Beverly Stout, University Relations correspondent

New Student Financial Services Director Appointed

Figuring out how to finance college education can be one of the most stressful aspects of a student's college experience. So, it can mean a lot to have the experience and caring touch of someone like Elynda Bedney to help guide the way. Bedney has helped Andrews University students manage their accounts and figure out how to pay for college for the past 18 years. When Andrews needed a new Student Financial Services director, Bedney was just the one for the job.

Before coming to Andrews, Bedney was a student at Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Ala., where she graduated with a B.S. in business administration. After spending three years as an administrative assistant at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Penn., Bedney came to Andrews to join the staff as Student Accounts manager in 1987. In 1989, Bedney took the position of associate director of Student Accounts. Following the merger of Student Accounts and Student Financial Aid, Bedney became associate director of Student Financial Services, a position she held until July 2005 when she was appointed director of Student Financial Services.

Amid the busy life of a Student Financial Services full-time staff member, Bedney was able to complete a M.S. in administration with an emphasis in management from Andrews. In 2005, Bedney received the Employee of the Year award, evidence of her years of leadership, hard work, service, and dedication to the students of Andrews.

"I am excited about the challenge of helping Andrews' students access all available financial resources to help them obtain a Christian education," Bedney notes.

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Elynda Bedney, the new Student Financial Services director at Andrews University